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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Applicants submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case. These materials add no new matter to the application.

AMENDMENT

In the Abstract

Please substitute the following paragraph for the current Abstract:

A system and method for the central specification and management of how messages are distributed to recipients with the steps of: a recipient profile system for entering and storing rules about how to distribute specific types of

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